

House Bill 484

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-3-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 hunting deer with dogs, seasons, and permit required, so as to provide for a license to hunt  
3 deer with dogs on certain private land; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

6 Code Section 27-3-17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to hunting deer  
7 with dogs, seasons, and permit required, is amended by striking in its entirety subsection (c)  
8 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

9 "(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, it shall be unlawful for  
10 any person to hunt deer with dogs on any tract of real property unless a permit for hunting  
11 deer with dogs has been issued by the department for such tract to the owner or owners  
12 of such tract or the lessee of deer hunting rights for such tract. A permit for hunting deer  
13 with dogs shall not be issued for any tract of real property that is less than 1,000  
14 contiguous acres. Any application for a permit for hunting deer with dogs shall be on  
15 such form as prescribed by the department; shall be accompanied by the required  
16 application fee; and shall include a written description of the tract boundaries and a map  
17 showing key features such as public roads or streams on or bordering the tract and  
18 occupied dwellings on adjacent properties. The application must be signed by all persons  
19 owning any portion of the tract of real property or an authorized agent thereof. The  
20 application fee for such permit shall be \$100.00 for an annual permit or \$25.00 for a  
21 two-day permit.

22 (2)(A) As used in this paragraph, the term 'privately owned property' shall include  
23 property owned by a family corporation, a family partnership, a family general  
24 partnership, a family limited partnership, a family limited corporation, or a family  
25 limited liability company all of the interest of which is owned by one or more natural  
26 or naturalized citizens related to each other within the fourth degree of civil reckoning.

1 (B) The owner of any tract of real property that is 250 contiguous acres or more may  
2 hunt deer with dogs on such tract if he or she obtains a permit as provided by this  
3 paragraph. Any application for a permit for hunting deer with dogs shall be on such  
4 form as prescribed by the department and shall include a written description of the tract  
5 boundaries and a map showing key features such as public roads or streams on or  
6 bordering the tract and occupied dwellings on adjacent properties. The application must  
7 be signed by the person owning the tract of real property. In the event of co-owners of  
8 a tract of real property, only one such owner must sign the application. There shall be  
9 no application fee for such permit.

10 (C) A permit issued under this paragraph shall be valid only for the owner of the tract  
11 of real property and his or her nonpaying guests accompanying him or her on a hunt."

12 **SECTION 2.**

13 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.